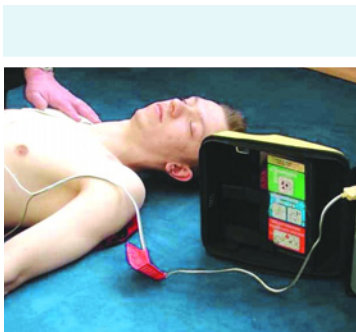




A Name You Can Trust

Automated External Defibrillation (AED) Program



An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is a specialized medical device designed to recognize and treat a person in cardiac arrest. The AED is a compact, portable, battery operated unit with auditory and visual prompts that delivers an electrical shock to persons in ventricular fibrillation or ventricular tachycardia. When used by trained persons in conjunction with cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), AEDs have been shown to significantly decrease mortality.

The Federal government has enacted legislation to make portable AEDs more widely available. To this end, Federal Occupational Health (FOH) offers a package of comprehensive AED services and partners with Federal agencies to help implement successful AED programs. Utilization of an AED requires medical oversight, and FOH's medical professionals can provide such oversight.

FOH will design an individually tailored AED Program and site-specific protocol for your agency, incorporating guidelines from the American Heart Association and the Department of Health and Human Services' Guidelines for Public Access Defibrillation Programs in Federal Facilities. FOH can develop and provide a comprehensive package of AED services that includes:

- Site-specific protocol development
- AED equipment acquisition and maintenance supplies
- AED / First Responder Team development
- Recommendations for communications systems that activate the AED Team
- AED First Responder training
- Follow-up tracking of training
- Scheduled practice sessions
- Medical Director oversight and consultation
- Development and implementation of site-specific and proactive Quality Assurance Programs

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The FOH Medical Director will review and analyze the information from each cardiac event tracing which records the victim's rhythms and timing of shocks delivered. In addition, the Director will prepare a report about the event, the response, and recommendations for response improvements.

If a sudden cardiac arrest event occurs at your agency, FOH can help the Site Coordinator arrange for Critical Incident Stress Management Services through FOH's Employee Assistance Program within 24 to 48 hours of the event.

If your agency has already purchased a defibrillator and developed protocols, FOH will review current policies and provide suggestions for improvement, if warranted. The FOH AED Team can review the program to verify that procedures and responders are appropriately trained and prepared in accordance with current standards.

For further information on establishing an AED Program for your agency, please feel free to contact us. Visit the FOH website at www.foh.dhhs.gov or call 1-800-457-9808.

FOH and the AED Program are dedicated to maintaining a safe and healthy workplace for all Federal organizations. Let us help you with this task.

For more information, please contact our AED Account Manager at 303-236-0076 x 232.

For over half a century, FOH has delivered high quality occupational health services to Federal managers. FOH's knowledge of the Federal workplace, combined with strategic partnerships with professional health, environmental and safety organizations, enables FOH to help other Federal organizations maintain a safe and healthy workplace. FOH has created a team of professionals that is unparalleled in its ability to work within the Federal structure, yet remains as flexible and innovative as any private sector provider.

Through convenient interagency agreements, FOH's Clinical Services, Wellness/Fitness Programs, Environmental Health Services, and Employee Assistance and Work/Life Programs can provide your agency with a comprehensive occupational health program that saves you time and money. Our ability to customize services enables you to integrate components of our services with existing programs, enhancing their impact and ensuring that your agency meets its obligation to provide a safe and healthy workplace.

Make Federal Occupational Health your partner in building a healthier, more productive work force. For more information, please visit us at www.foh.dhhs.gov or call us today at 1-800-457-9808.